



Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development

## Building Inspection Division

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**TO:** Plan Commission

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Building Inspection Division

**SUBJECT:** Demolition of 929 Williamson Street

I have been asked to review the condition of the single family home located at 929 Williamson Street on the City's East Side. The house was originally built in 1879 and has had several additions constructed prior to a time when accurate records were kept. These additions were built with inadequate footings and foundations and significant settling has occurred. There is widespread rot throughout the entire structure of the house.

The building's mechanical systems have reached the end of their useful and all are in need of complete replacement. The same can be said for the building's windows, doors, roof and siding. The interior would require a complete gut and replacement.

On November 5, 2015, the Building Inspection Division found the building vacant and posted the building "No Occupancy". Maintenance by the former owner has been inadequate or nonexistent over the last 50 years resulting in its current condition. This lead to the City seeking and receiving the appointment of a court appointed receiver to manage or dispose of the property.

The building has been secured but this only prevents people who generally obey the law from entering the building. In its current condition, the building constitutes a public nuisance and should be removed as soon as possible. I am writing to urge support for the issuance of the Demolition Permit.